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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the amendment filed 6/23/09 after Final rejection.
2. Claims 14-16, 18, 20-29 are currently pending. Claim 1 is amended.
3. Applicant noted that the Final Office Action of 4/23/09 indicates that the rejected claims are "14-16, 18". The examiner clarifies that it was a typographical error. The rejection under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sobkin (US 6,555,600) in view of Lozano (6,033,599) were applied to claims 14-16 and 18-29.
4. The after-final amendment will not be entered because it raises the new issues requiring further consideration and review.
5. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance in view of the after-final amendment that is not been entered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haidung D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)270-5455. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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